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Dear Howard, Hoch's 7/5/76 to you 7/20/76

This is a continuation of my earlier partial response to this mailing. Perhaps you know that I fit things twixt and tween. Jim has just left after we worked on interrogatories in 1448. I'm having a cool drink and relaxing and then I'll still have time for all the mowing I should do before supper, with time to stop sweating before I wash and swim breifly. Howzat for figgurin?

Paul seems to have not as good a memory as I'd believed or not as good a filing system as that of which I was certain. Or is playing some kind of game with you. He knows the amount of work I did on the training camps, that they include exclusive interview (I learned in checking that the pictures the sheriff took for me have been stolen!) and that Isent him the names of all ten men arrested at what Garrison called the Minuteman camp, probably over Lauchli. Lauchli I'm pretty sure is one of the ten.

He refers to "the Lacombe camp." There is no such thing. There was no camp inside Lacombe and there were four close enough to be identified by that little town. Aside ffrom my work I think only two are known.

On his not having access to the Florida papers, I'm mystified. One of the group with which he was affiliated in the early days did a dstailed study of papers, including the Miami papers, on Cuban activities. I gave it to Garrison to copy and did not get it back. I am not now certain of when it began, perhaps not until after 6/15/63, but he makes no reference to it at all. Even the Garrison-Watergate gang as a description is stypically imprecise for Paul. As you may recall most of these people originated in my work, but not in this sense. And any Sturgis involvement in what Paulwrites about is outside my knowledge or recollection.

However, when he talks of factual error in the Schweiker report he could and should have given you illustrations. They exist and are obvious. From what I sent him years ago I would have expected Paul to know this.

There can be a number of candidates for "A". In one sense Paneque did run the camp. I did send this to Paul years ago. However, the man in real charge was Ricardo Davis. I have a long phone interview, you may recall.

Paul's guess on Lauchli and Collinsville, Ill., is very good. I'm certain. That was another camp of the same period. Ten were arrested. We are using this in interrogatories, with all the names and others a bit of added detail on Davis, a real Watergate #connection."

There is a problem with Paneque. The Schweiker report described a "Cuban-American." I have no reason to believe Paneque was. Or Fernando Fernandez. Or Angel Vega. Or others. I believe there is a reference in th Schweiker report to the part of the US from which "A" stems. Well, Davis's father or Davis at a time his parents were not in Cuba stem from New Jersey, as I recall Elizabeth or near there. And Davis also worked for Jack Caulfield or his NYPD unit.

What I'm saying is that the letter of which you sent me a copy is not at all like the Paul I knew and trusted. (He does not know the Caulfied angle and I want nobody to.)

I don't know whey and I don't want to try and figure it out. There are more important things. But I take this time so you can understand. By the way, I also gave him the unprinted appendix to O in NO which does include a fair amount on the camps.

A Univ. student who knew Shannon gave him Paul's memo that was such a gift to the Rockefeller Commission. This former student, Mark Allen, was here Sunday and told me. He now regrets it. I had thoughtthe memo was prepared for Congress. Allen confirms it. Imagine a Paul at one end and a regory-Schoenmann combo at the other setting all this up for Ford's Belin! However, I have enough to turn it around, given the attention. That I do not see.Which means I wait.

If I'm not mistaken Paul has the transcript of my Davis interview, that with his then temporary girl friend when he ordered the camp to break up-almost everything of that period of my work. So I have an uneasy feeling inreading what he sent you. Thanks for senind it. I'm making no distribution of it. Best,